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SUBJ: PRESIDENT KAUNDA CRITICIZES ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE OF ZAMBIA

1. SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE 10TH UNITED NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE PARTY NATIONAL COUNCIL, PRESIDENT KAUNDA WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF ZAMBIA'S ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE AND LAID THE BLAME ON LAZINESS, CORRUPTION, DISHONESTY AND STUPIDITY OF GOVERNMENT AND PARTY OFFICIALS. WHILE THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION WAS PARTLY TO BLAME FOR ZAMBIA'S PRESENT DIFFICULTIES HE SAID, "WE OURSELVES ARE GUILTY AS WELL".

2. HE CALLED ZAMBIA A NATION OF CONSUMERS RATHER THAN PRODUCERS AND SAID THERE WAS TOO MUCH MONEY CHASING TOO FEW GOODS IN THE COUNTRY. ZAMBIA IMPORTS TOO MANY CONSUMER GOODS WHICH COULD BE PRODUCED LOCALLY AND IMPORTS OF FOOD CONTINUE TO RISE WHILE FERTILE LAND AND WATER RESOURCES GO UNUSED FOR AGRICULTURE BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE TOO LAZY TO WORK.

3. HE CITED AT LENGTH MISMANAGEMENT OF IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES WHEN FOREIGN EXCHANGE WAS ALLOCATED FOR THE IMPORTATION OF WOODEN ICE CREAM SPOONS AND DECRIED THE FACT THAT MONEY ALLOCATED FOR PRODUCTIVE INVESTMENT WAS NOT USED BUT RETURNED TO THE TREASURY. ZAMBIANS HAD ONLY THEMSELVES TO BLAME FOR
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SUCH STUPIDITY.

4. THE PRESIDENT CAME DOWN HARD ON DISHONESTY, CORRUPTION, AND THE GET RICH QUICK ATTITUDE OF MANAGEMENT AND WORKERS ALIKE. HE SAID THAT MEMBERS OF THE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT SHOULD DELIVER THE GOODS AND SERVICES TO THE PEOPLE OR "GET OUT".

COMMENT: AS IS BECOMING HABITUAL, THE PRESIDENT CRITICIZED
AND EXHORTED BUT OFFERED NO SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS OR REMEDIES
TO OVERCOME ZAMBIA'S PRESENT ECONOMIC MALAISE.
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